

Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice

**May 22, 2013
1:00pm-3:00pm**

**Richmond Capitol, House Room 3
Richmond, VA 23219**

Members Present

Carol Adams
Kevin Appel, Chair
Chuck Brady
Cynthia Cave, proxy for Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE
Dave Chapman
Lindsay Fisher
Terone Green
Quentin Hicks
Jared Miller, proxy for Director of DJJ
Malcolm King, proxy for Commissioner of DBHDS
Andrew Slater
Antonio Sutton
Kim Slayton White

Members Not Present

Robert Bodenhamer
Delegate Robert Bell
Rita Bishop
Jane Brown, proxy for Commissioner of DSS
Richard Campbell
Alison Carlin
Shaunte Daniel
Eileen Grey
Hilary Griffith
Sarah Ann Haislip
Amanda Johnson
Dwight Jones
Jerrauld Jones
Steven Kast
Senator Bryce Reeves
Catherine Watts

Staff Present

Demian Futterman
Tracey Jenkins
Laurel Marks
Lloyd Young

Call to Order/Welcome: Chairman Kevin Appel called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Members were provided with minutes from October 24, 2012 and February 20, 2013. A quorum of voting members was not present. Approval of minutes was deferred to another meeting.

School Safety Task Force: Laurel Marks provided members with a brief overview of the Governor's Task Force on School and Campus Safety formed in response to the shooting in New Town, Connecticut. Others in attendance provided additional information as related to the efforts of the Task Force.

Legislative Session 2013: Members were provided with information regarding bills passed during the 2013 General Assembly Session on topics that have been of interest to the ACJJ in the past. Tracey Jenkins provided an overview of the bills and others provided additional information as related to the bills. No bills impacting Virginia's compliance with the JJDP Act were of issue during the Session. However, human trafficking advocates, in an effort to decriminalize prostitution for minors but continue to keep them in custody, did consider introducing legislation which would have impacted compliance by requiring that they be held in detention to keep them from running. Ms. Jenkins said that the advocacy group is still considering how to do this.

Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ): Kevin Appel, Antonio Sutton, and Tracey Jenkins attended activities and meetings sponsored by CJJ as part of their annual Hill Day and Conference.

- Hill Visits – Ms. Jenkins and Mr. Sutton participated in Hill visits. Ms. Jenkins reported meeting with 10 out of 13 offices and providing information to the offices not met with. Copies of the package presented to Congressional office were passed out to some members in attendance at the meeting; electronic versions are also available for members. Mr. Sutton provided his perspective on the visits and though that overall, the offices were appreciative of the information provided.
- Conference & Council on SAGs Meeting – Mr. Appel provided members with a summary of the conference, regional meeting, and SAG meeting. He also made mention of CJJ's desire to have SAG support for standards they are issuing for the care of status offenders. Ms. Jenkins had previously provided CJJ with some feedback on the standards. Mr. Appel stated that the standards are not yet in a form that the group should support, but that when they are final, consideration can be given to them. Mr. Appel also highlighted two publications from the National Juvenile Defender Center and provided copies to Judge White and Dave Chapman, both in attendance. Copies will be sent under a letter from Kevin to all public defender offices.

- OJJDP Director Listenbee Comments – Ms. Jenkins noted that OJJDP’s new director, Robert Listenbee, addressed a meeting of Juvenile Justice Specialists and then the conference attendees during the opening keynote. She noted that Director Listenbee expressed his interest in setting a direction for the next two generations and his support of using developmental science in doing this. There are four documents Director Listenbee referred audience members to: Rethinking Juvenile Justice; “Breaking School Rules” a study in Texas; the report of the national task force on children exposed to violence; and a report due out on June 10th from the National Academy on Sciences about juvenile justice reform.

DCJS JABG Grant Update: Ms. Jenkins provided a status update of the JABG grant to DCJS. In sum: the reentry collaborative project with DJJ ran into logistical issues and is being postponed and other options are being considered; the DMC follow-up meetings did occur, which Lloyd Young will talk about later in the meeting; the trauma training was held in April. Ms. Jenkins provided additional information about the training; Malcolm King and Carol Adams provided their insights as well. Members briefly discussed the importance of the issue.

Juvenile Justice Conference Update: Ms. Jenkins noted that the annual juvenile justice conference will be combined with a child abuse conference and held September 25-26 in Hampton. Additional information will be sent to members. Mr. Appel noted that the Virginia conference exceeds the CJJ conference and encouraged members to attend.

Subcommittee Updates:

- DMC Subcommittee Update – Mr. Young provided members with an update of the DMC assessment follow up meetings which occurred in Norfolk and Richmond. Several members of the ACJJ attended the meetings and provided their input. All agreed the process was valuable.
- Grants Subcommittee Update – Ms. Jenkins and Mr. Sutton informed members that the grants subcommittee has met recently. Mr. Sutton attends the CJSB meetings to present on behalf of the subcommittee.
- Spirit of Youth Award – Mr. Appel explained the Spirit of Youth Award. Applications will be updated and sent to all members. Members were asked to assist in distributing the applications to their constituents working with youth.
- Nominations Subcommittee – Mr. Appel noted that his term and that of the vice-chair are coming to an end. The nominations subcommittee will be convened. Non-voting agency members will be on the subcommittee. Mr. Appel will also be part of the subcommittee.

Old/New Business:

- Ms. Jenkins noted that in addition to Mr. Appel and Ms. Grey completing eight years of service to the ACJJ, Mr. Chapman will also be completing eight years. All were thanked for their years of service and valuable contributions. Ms. Cynthia Cave expressed her appreciation for their work. Ms. Jenkins noted that several others were nearing the end of their four year terms and that she will be in touch with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office regarding the reappointment process for those interested.
- Ms. Jenkins announced that Mr. Young will be leaving DCJS. She, and other members, expressed their appreciation for his work over the past year.
- Ms. Jenkins announced that DCJS will be leading a team to participate in a certificate program at Georgetown University. As part of this, team members will attend a week long course at Georgetown. Since the course dates correspond with the ACJJ October meeting dates, they will need to be changed. A request for a scheduler was made to help determine best available dates for members.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.